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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
ECUADOR

IPF:(1992-96 $ 11 992 000; Cost Sharing/MSA: $45 000 000

(ECU/89/002) - Aeronautical Infrastructure, Air Navigation and Training
(Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	15 April 1992
Expected duration:	72 months
Proposed executing agency:	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency:	DGAC (Direccion General de Aviacion Civil)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 1 235 000 Souce of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$ 12 091 600
Previous UNDP contribution:	$ 8 289 300
Total UNDP budget:	$ 21 615 900

Project background

Ecuador's territory is divided into coastal plains, steep mountain ranges, and thick jungle areas making access between major cities most effective through air transportation. The national aviation system is an important component in efforts to economically and socially develop the country, integrate its dispersed regions, and foster international integration among countries of the region. An effective aviation system is also significant due to the importance of tourism and exports to the country's balance of payments.

Despite growing national and international importance, the aviation system's infrastructure and installations have deteriorated to alarming levels. The lack of financial resources, access to spare parts and trained personnel, have made maintenance and upgrading of equipment difficult, threatening aviation safety and seriously travel and development efforts. Furthermore, existing installations at Quito and Guayaquil airports pose serious problems given that they don't meet international safety standards (due to deterioration of landing strips, and insufficient space between runways, terminals, and nearby housing structures), lack the capacity required for large aircraft to land, and their undesirable locations (too close to residential areas, and in geographically closed areas). To address these issues the Government requested further UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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The long-term objective of the project is to support the DGAC during construction and initial operation of the new airport facilities in Quito and Guayaquil.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) provide technical assistance to the DGAC; (b) train personnel in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the new airports; and (c) install and operate the new aeronautical telecommunications services.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 174.8 work-months of international consultants in project coordination, airport engineering, soil engineering, hydraulic engineering, airport architecture, audio-visual aids; 1295.8 work-months of national professionals in administration, engineering, architecture; a national subcontract to evaluate proposals for building the new airports; training in the areas of administration, operation and maintenance of new airport's facilities; equipment for computerized information systems, aeronautical meteorological readings, airport security systems, aviation combustion systems, etc.; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 591 300
Subcontract	1 122 700
Training	988 400
Equipment	9 537 800
Miscellaneous	86 400
Total	13 326 600

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